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SUBJECT: BELGIAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY
REGARDING EX-SOVIETS JEWS

1. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR VAN CAUWENBERG CALLED ON DEPUTY
SECRETARY JANUARY 29 TO RAISE ISSUE OF EX-SOVIET JEWS IN
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BELGIUM. VAN CAUWENBERG, WHO APPEARED TO HAVE RECEIVED

VERY BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS, EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER THE NUMBER OF EX-SOVIET JEWS REFUSED FOR US ENTRY BY INS. HE SAID THAT THE BELGIANS WERE PARTICULARLY WORRIED THAT THOSE WHO WERE REJECTED WOULD STIR UP TROUBLE AT THE "SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY," FEBRUARY 17-19.

2. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN US POLICY REGARDING THE REFUGEES. THE CRUCIAL QUESTION WAS WHETHER THE APPLICANTS HAD BEEN FIRMLY RESETTLED IN ISRAEL BEFORE COMING TO BELGIUM. IF SO, THEY WOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR VISAS UNDER REGULAR PROCEDURES, NOT AS REFUGEES. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ADDED THAT INS INFORMED US THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF NEW INFORMATION FROM ISRAEL REGARDING THE PERMANENCE OF RESETTLEMENT BY THESE APPLICANTS HAD AFFECTED THE

DECEMBER REFUSAL RATE. HE EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR BELGIAN CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE ACTIONS AT THE CONFERENCE BY DISGRUNTLED APPLICANTS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR VAN CAUWENBERG'S REQUEST, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY PROMISED THAT COPIES OF LAWS AFFECTING IMMIGRATION FOR REFUGEES WOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE BELGIAN EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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